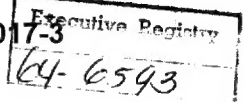




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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. McCone:

An integral part of the Department of Defense requirements for long term estimates of the Soviet military establishment is a similarly long term assessment of the capacity of the Soviet economy to sustain the military establishment. Economic estimates have heretofore tended to be rather short in outlook and have been intended for "only the next few years", e.g., SNIE 11-5-64, "Soviet Economic Problems and Outlook."

The regular annual estimate concerning the Soviet economy is now scheduled for USIB consideration on 28 October. According to a Board of National Estimates Memorandum, this new estimate will cover the same ground as that covered in SNIE 11-5-64. Since this estimate will be based largely upon CIA/RR ER 64-21, "Soviet Economic Problems in Mid-1964", which does look to 1970, I strongly urge that the period of the estimate be extended to at least 1970.

I would appreciate your referring this request to the Chairman, Board of National Estimates, for appropriate guidance in the preparation of NIE 11-5/1-64.

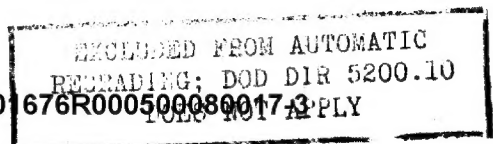
Sincerely,

JOSEPH F. CARROLL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director

cc: Chairman, Board  
of National Estimates

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